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Applicant:	SKLANSKY et al.	Examiner:	Layno, B.
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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PLAYING COMMUNITY HAND POKER GAMES UTILIZING DEALER QUALIFYING CRITERIA		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 18, 2005.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 18, 2005, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, Applicant submits the present response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Claims 1-51, 55 and 56 are pending in the application. Claims 52-54 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith, to allow consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 12 of this paper.